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THREE CENTS

Dies On Hospital Ship Serving Navy Wounded

Dr. Wallace Lea Chesbro, Lieut. Commander in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Navy, was killed in the line of duty while serving on the U. S. hospital ship "Comfort" when that ship was attacked by a Japanese suicide plane off Okinawa on April 28th. Although the ship was well lighted, painted white and bore the insigna of the Red Cross, it provided a target and in the attack, five doctors and 24 wounded were killed, with injury to 63 others.

Dr. Chesbro was well known in Northfield, for most of his boyhood days were spent at the home of his parents on Rustic Ridge during the summer seasons.

His father, Rev. W. L. Chesbro, died a few years ago and his mother has been visiting with her sister, Miss Grace Jubb at Laveen, Ariz., for the past two years. Mrs. Chesbro and her sister will arrive here about June 1st to reopen the Chesbro cottage for the summer.

Dr. Chesbro was a graduate of Massachusetts State College and of Tufts Medical School. He served his internship at Boston City Hospital. After entering the Navy Medical Corps, he served at various places in the South Pacific and suffered wounds at Guadalcanal as a result of which he was sent to the hospital at San Diego, Cal., for treatment. His new assignment on the hospital ship followed. He is survived by his wife and

Mrs. Goodspeed Resigns Service of 15 Years

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed has tendered her resignation as supervisor of music of our public schools to the School Committee effective at the close of the school year. Her successor has not yet been chosen. Mrs. Goodspeed has held this position for the past 15 years and for three years previous was the teacher of music in the schools of Winchester, N. H. In addition to her public school work, she had a large private practice, teaching voice, piano and violin and the many recitals given by her pupils were entertaining events. Mrs. Goodspeed, the former Marion Webster, graduated from Northfield High in 1909, from the Northfield Seminary in 1911, and from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1914. She also attended the Institute of Music Pedagogy which was located in Northampton in 1927.

Marriage Announced

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Betty Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith of this town and Ensign Richard Dreselly of Portland, Me., which took place on Monday, May 7, at Gulfport, Miss. The couple are spending a brief honeymoon in Virginia after which Ensign Dreselly leaves for California and for service in the Far East.

A child; his mother and two brothers, Ronald of Osterville and Albert, radio operator at Fort Berkly, Washington.

Mrs. Flora Haslam Dies In New Jersey Home

Mrs. Flora Lawrence Haslam, widow of the late Walter Scott Haslam, passed in death after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter in Madison, N. J., Sunday night, May 13. For many years she had been a summer resident in Northfield, with her home in Kenil, N. J. She was born in Morristown, N. J., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George A. Lawrence and a direct descendant of Henry Clark, one of the first settlers in the northern New Jersey area. Her ancestral lines reach to the Tripp family of Rhode Island 1648 and to the Doty branch of Mayflower descendants. Mrs. Haslam was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, N. J., and interested in all of its activities including the Women's Missionary Society and the Sunday School. She was a past president of the Succasunna Women's Club.

Funeral services were held the following Wednesday afternoon with burial in the Haslam family plot in Evergreen Cemetery at Morristown. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Alfred J. Suttie of Madison, Mrs. John M. Spoor of Kingston, N. Y., and two sisters, Mrs. William F. Hoehn of East Northfield, Mass., and Miss Ethel V. Lawrence of Madison. "Conflict is over, Victory won. Life in its fullness now hath begun. Joy and rejoicing, thrilling a soul. Reaching its triumph, winning its goal."

Chosen May Queen At Mount Holyoke

Miss Helen Durgin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin of New Haven, formerly of this town, was chosen May Queen for the pageant ceremony by the students of Mount Holyoke College, which was held on May 10. She was crowned in traditional form by Mrs. Roswell Gray Ham, wife of the college president, and escorted to her throne with her staff of court attendants. The affair proved to be most interesting and spectacular and was attended by many people.

The Springfield papers gave a very fine account and published pictures of Miss Durgin and members of her court. Miss Durgin has been very popular at Mount Holyoke College and she was interested in most of its activities. The study of international relations and political science has engaged much of Miss Durgin's activities and she was active in educational and religious work efforts.

High Honor Record

Principal Parker of the high school announces the honor awards for the fifth marking period. High honors go to Rua Jones, Norma Leach, Phyllis Ruhl, Marilyn Dresser and Lois Stearns. Honors are given to Ralph Bentley, June Cota, Paul Gorzocoski, Helen Andrews, Portia Chamberlain, Helen Howard, Esther Bentley, Lorraine Gingras, Shirley Gould, Alva Jones, Marian Avery, Russell Bigelow, Doris Doolittle and Donna Laplante.

Job Was Well Done In Clothing Campaign

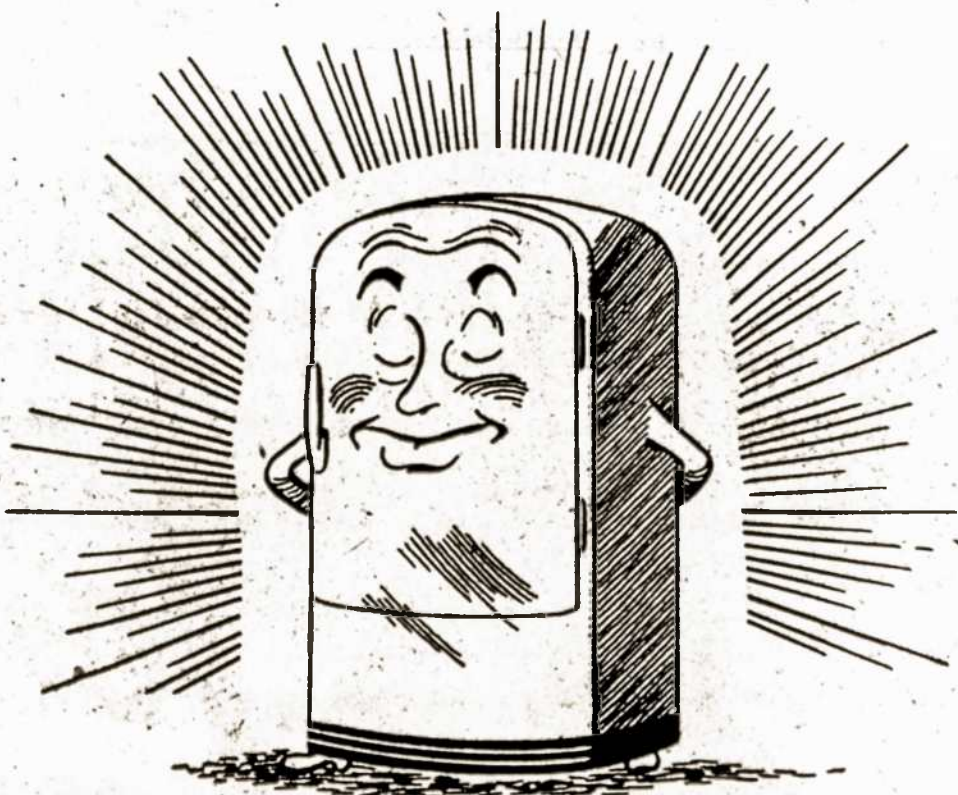
The collection of clothing in the campaign to alleviate the needs of people in the war torn lands ended with success in this town. Mrs. William E. Park, the chairman of the town committee, reports that 5601 pounds of clothing were shipped by freight after being properly assorted to the warehouse at Pawtucket, R. I., which is the distributing point for this area. The bundles will be handled and sent abroad by the government and distributed by the UNRA. Mrs. Park desires to thank the members of the committee and the volunteers who aided in the camp and to the citizens of the community who so generously responded to the appeal.

The Historical Society

The quarterly meeting of the Northfield Historical Society is scheduled to be held at the Museum Tuesday, June 5, at 7.30. This society and also the Unitarian Sunday School have encouraged Charles C. Stearns to search the records and write an historical paper on that church. This he has done with the result that those who have had an opportunity to read or hear it are enthusiastic. This paper will be the feature of the coming meeting.

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BY MRS. JONES

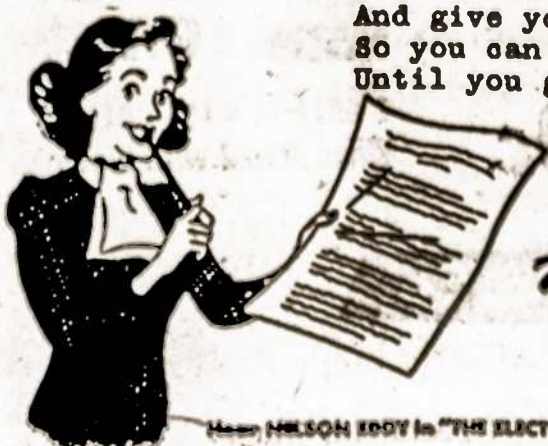
You're not as new as you used to be,
Refrigerator mine.
You've been here several years, you see,
Considerable time.

You've cooled our milk and kept it sweet,
You've frozen ice cubes too,
You've kept so fresh our rationed meat,
That now I write to you.

You're really quite amazing --
You never have complained.
When summer sun is blazing
On the job you have remained.

So now I make this promise,
They'll never take you from us --
At least until the war is through,
I'll take most constant care of you.

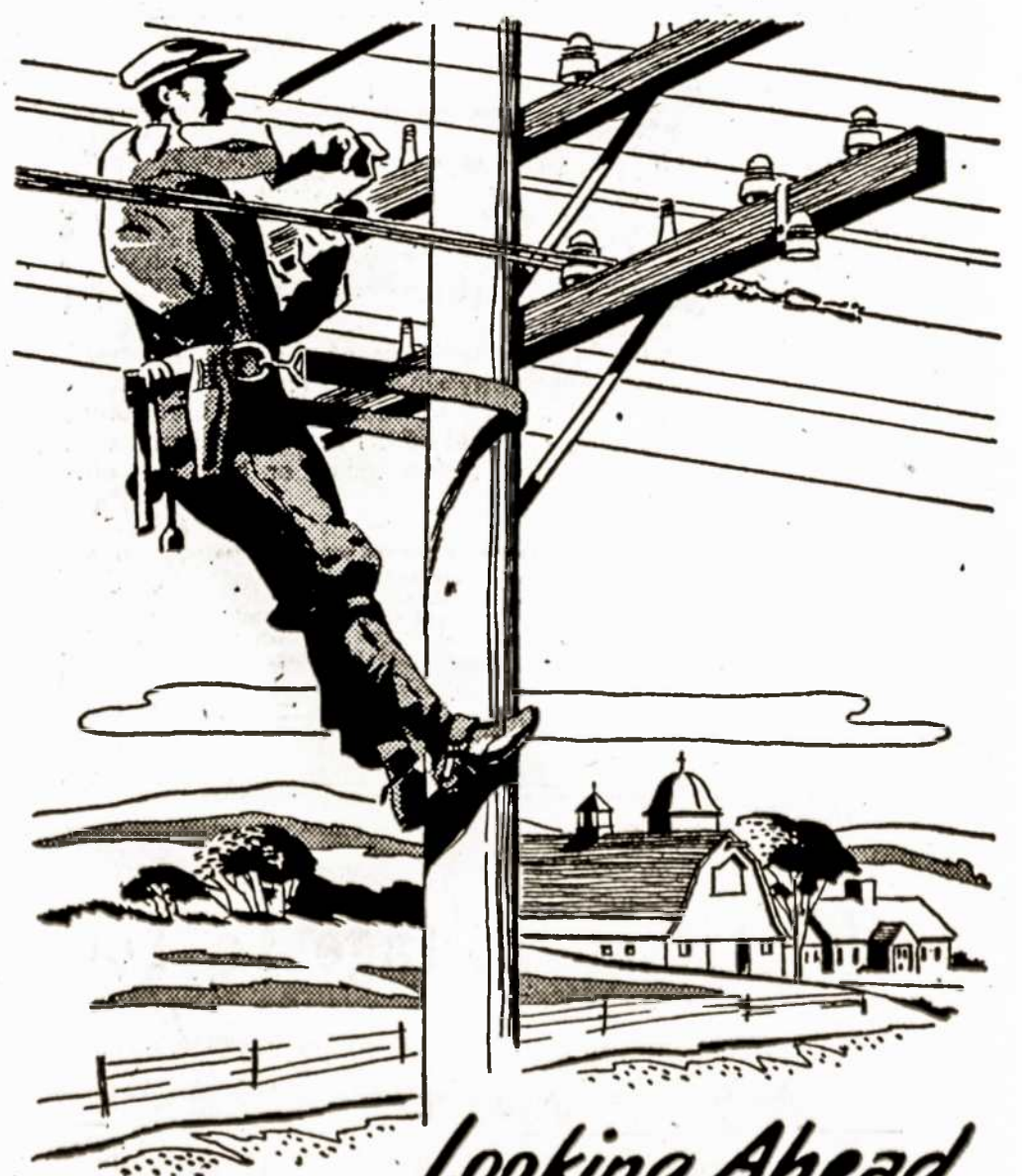
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And give you all attention,
So you can work with all your might
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Town Topics

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Scott of the Farms at the Farren Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, May 15, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dykes of Millers Falls.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Streeter of this town at the Franklin County Hospital on Wednesday, May 16, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stowell of this town and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Streeter of Beverly.

Mrs. Mary Holton has returned to the Bronson Inn after a recent visit with her son, Theodore Holton, in Worcester.

Members of the local Teachers Club enjoyed a social evening recently at the camp of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed at Moores Pond, when they with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker and Miss Natalie Gowen were the hostesses.

Pvt. Edward Tie, who has spent a short leave here, has returned to his station at Fort Tilden, N. Y. His mother, Mrs. Eleanor Webster, has entered Farren Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The girls camp at Camp Anderson in Shutesbury will be maintained from July 23 to August 20. Rev. Herbert Dixon of Leverett will be in charge.

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago now conducts two broadcasts over its radio WDLN each day.

Mrs. Lawrence Marcy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer F. Browning of this town, has enrolled at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for a course in the study of the Bible and methods of Christian work.

The likeness of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt is to appear on the new coinage of dimes to be circulated late this year and when the 8th War Loan is inaugurated, the bonds will bear his picture with a quotation. And thus it is with fame.

A son, Paul Francis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abbey of Warwick Road at the Franklin County Hospital on Tuesday, May 8, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Callaghan of this town and Mrs. Louis Abbey, Sr., of Worcester.

Another town of the county announces its rate, which is Heath. The 1945 tax rate will be \$40.

Sergt. Francis Plotczyk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk of West Northfield, is now stationed in the Philippines on an island abandoned by the Japs. He is much interested in the care and maintenance of a Catholic chapel there.

Stanley J. Smolen, mechanic of Birnam Road, has been chosen as a traverse juror for the Superior Court sitting in Greenfield this month with Judge Vinson Brogna presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen and family, who have been residents of this town, and recently in South Vernon, have removed to Morrisville, Vt. They were actively identified with the South Vernon Church. Their son, Roger, will be surely missed by his many young friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn, who have been at their residence in Orlando, Fla., this winter, are now occupying their summer home here.

A daughter was born to GM2c and Mrs. Joseph Kulis of this town at the Franklin County Hospital Friday, May 18; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartus of the Farms and Mr. and Mrs. John Kulis of Millers Falls.

Stanley Bistrek MM3c of the Seabees is now located on Iwo Jima after 15 months of service at Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Bistrek is living at their home on Main Street.

Having concluded his special war work at North Attleboro, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ripley, former residents of this town, are returning to their large farm at Topsfield, Me.

Information has been received that Corp. Philip S. Potter, who formerly resided in town, is now serving with the Army Engineers in Germany. His wife is living in West Springfield.

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society was held at the First Congregational Church in Cambridge on Tuesday, May 15. Rev. Joseph W. Reeves attended and represented the local Congregational Church.



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